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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Michael Roswell. (3) _____.

(2) Mark Pratt. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 03 October 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Godefroid (US Patent 6,697,840) and Appelman (US Patent 6,750,881).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed an overview of the claimed invention and the perceived differences between the claims and Godefroid and Appelman. Applicant further discussed possible changes to the independent claims to distinguish the claimed invention from the rejection of record. Specifically, that the notifying step of claim 1 is a prerequisite for the determining step of claim 1. The examiner agreed that such an amendment would seemingly overcome the rejection of record, but maintained that such a change necessitates further search and consideration.

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